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SUBJECT: DECLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS: "OPERATION
KEELHAUL"

REF: LONDON'S A-727, MAY 21, 1971

1. FRONT-PAGE FEATURE ARTICLE IN SUNDAY'S WASHINGTON POST
RE PUBLICATION OF BOOK BY LORD BETHELL ENTITLED "THE LAST
SECRET" WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BRING RENEWED FLOOD OF INQUIRIES
RE AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON FORCED REPATRIATION POLICIES
AT END OF WORLD WAR II AND "OPERATION KEELHAUL".

2. ARTICLE INDICATED BETHELL BOOK BASED ON NEWLY DECLASSI-
FIED PAPERS AND INTERVIEWS, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER
THE "KEELHAUL" PAPERS (SEE REF AIRGRAM) HAVE NOW BEEN
DECLASSIFIED. PLEASE ASK FCO AS MATTER OF INFORMATION
(NOT REQUEST FOR ACTION) WHETHER BETHELL USED "KEELHAUL"
PAPERS AND IF THEY CAN NOW BE RELEASED IN THIS COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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